



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3541 **Do-Not-Call Improvement Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on October 30, 2007*

H.R. 3541 would prohibit the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) from removing phone numbers from its “do-not-call” registry except under certain conditions. The “do-not-call” registry contains a list of consumers that telemarketers are prohibited from calling. The bill would require the FTC to purge the registry twice per month of phone numbers that have been disconnected and reassigned. The bill also would require the FTC to remove phone numbers at consumers’ request.

When the registry was created in 2003, the FTC developed rules that required consumers to re-register their phone numbers every five years and required the FTC to remove disconnected phone numbers periodically. H.R. 3541 would codify and extend the rules by increasing the number of times per month the FTC must purge the registry of disconnected and reassigned numbers. Based on information from the FTC, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 annually to purge the registry twice per month, rather than monthly, as performed under current law.

H.R. 3541 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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